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**Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal**

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Application Number	10/050,762
Filing Date	January 18, 2002
First Named Inventor	Shashidhar MERUGU
Art Unit	2164
Examiner Name	Ortiz, Belix M.
Attorney Docket Number	1875.0360001

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

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ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

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ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

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**Art Unit 2164**  
**Mail Stop RCE**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 10/050,762; Filed: January 18, 2002  
For: **Method, System, And Computer Program Product**  
**For Classifying Packet Flows With A Bit Mask**  
Inventors: MERUGU *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1875.0360001

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.114;
2. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (PTO/SB/30);
3. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$790.00 to cover the RCE filing fee; and
4. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.



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Respectfully submitted,

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For: **Method, System, And Computer  
Program Product For Classifying  
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**Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated February 8, 2005, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 20050129), Applicants request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and herewith submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
  - in ascending order;
  - with status identifiers; and
  - with markings in the currently amended claims; and
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying

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this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.